REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 3, 2005, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1; and claims 1-20 were rejected under § 102 over U.S. 6,546,418 (Schena).

Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejections of those claims moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

The language, "scanning an image via an Internet receiver" in independent claims 1 and 6 rejected by the Office Action, has been deleted to render the § 112 rejection moot.

Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled, without prejudice, to render the rejections of those claims moot.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Amended claim 1 is allowable over Schena. Claim 1 now recites a method that comprises automatically detecting an object to be scanned by a scanner associated with an Internet receiver, scanning the object to produce an image of the object, and automatically acquiring the image in electronic format.

Schena does not teach scanning an object to produce an image of the object. Although Schena describes use of a scanner 100, the scanner 100 of Schena is used to read machine-readable code 10 in a printed medium 50 (see Figs. 1-4). Schena, 6:17-19. Examples of the machine-readable code 10 provided by Schena include bar codes and other codes. Schena, 6:19-23. The code that is read by the scanner 100 contains link information, such as a URL, Internet address information, network address information, etc. Schena, 6:23-32. The purported invention of Schena allows "minimal amount of information" to be scanned to link to a specific location. Schena, 11:29-32. The information that is read by the scanner 100 allows a user to link to a particular website to obtain additional information. An example given by Schena is that a person can use the scanner 100 to read the code 10 of an ordinary black and white newspaper advertisement, which code 10 allows the user to link to a full-featured multimedia presentation that is presented to the user on web TV or a computer. Schena, 12:42-47. A user can also obtain reprints of copyrighted material based on the code 10 that is embedded in a book or article. Schena, 13:33-36.

Nowhere in Schena is there any teaching whatsoever of scanning an object to obtain an image of the object. In fact, the word "image" is not even used at all in Schena. What Schena is concerned with is reading a code, such as a bar code, that appears in a printed medium so that a user can be linked somewhere else to obtain additional information. Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is not disclosed by Schena.

Amended independent claim 6 is similarly allowable over Schena.

Newly added independent claim 31 is also allowable over Schena, which fails to teach an apparatus that has an Internet receiver, and a scanner received in the Internet receiver to scan an object and to produce an image of the object.

Dependent claims, including newly added dependent claims 21-30 and 32-36, are allowable for at least the same reasons as corresponding independent claims.

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Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2025 (10010029-1).

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